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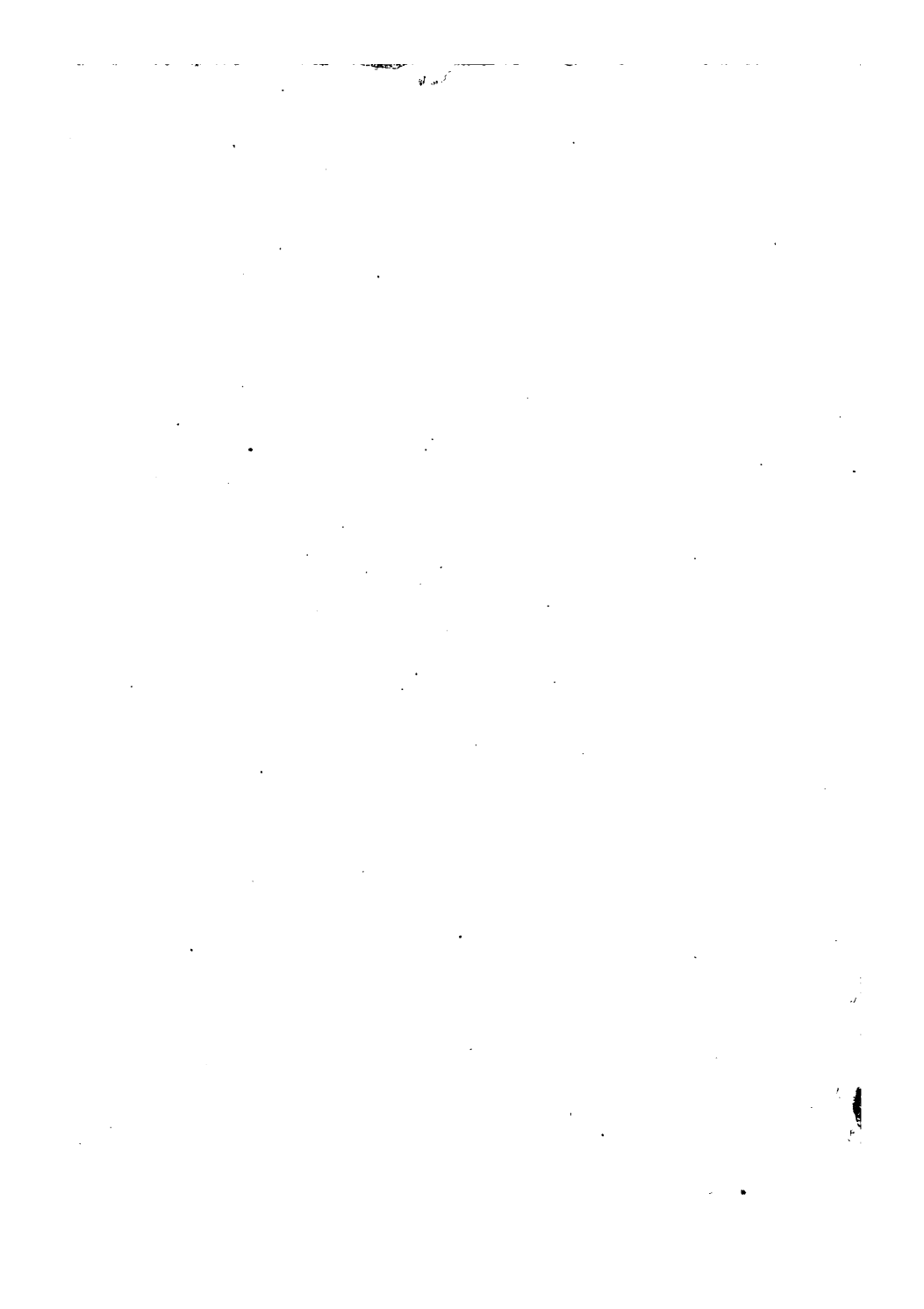
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Preface.

A VAST and insuperable distance separates the countless existing manuals of prayer from the Common Prayer Book of the Church of England.

The chief fault of the generality of ordinary compositions or complications seems to be their monotony. There is little division of subject-matter, and no break in the unvarying strain of wordy supplication to arrest the wandering thoughts of the worshipper.

A depth of devotional feeling and practical holiness, a fulness of Christian charity and moderation, combined with a terseness and simplicity of style, and a perfection of musical rhythm, characterize the Church's Liturgy, and render it indeed unapproachable.

George Herbert is not the only Christian who on his death-bed preferred to all other prayers, the prayers of his mother, the Church of England; and her Prayer Book contains such an inexhaustible fund of devotion, that there are no occasions in life, upon which we cannot thence derive the best of words to express our sense of need or of thanksgiving.

In the present selection the Prayers of the Church are arranged under different heads, and as far as possible in a connected train of thought, in accordance with the subjects appropriate to each day.

Sunday, is devoted to prayer in reference to its special services.

Monday, as commencing the week of work, to Baptism and Confirmation.

Tuesday, to prayer for Christian love, as the foundation of all practice of Baptismal vows.

Wednesday, as connected with our Lord's betrayal on that day by His apostle, to repentance for sin.

Thursday, to the Holy Communion; and as a consequence to aspirations for heavenly rest, whither Christ on that day preceded His servants.

Friday, to confession of sin, and meditations on our Saviour's crucifixion.

Saturday, as the close of the week, and the day of our Lord's burial, to thoughts of death, and prayers for a resurrection to eternal life.

The prayers are preserved in their original form, with the exception of a few necessary verbal alterations and omissions.

To meet the requirements of those families who are accustomed to add Scripture reading to their prayers, an Index of Psalms, and short Lessons, is added,—the arrangement of which will be found to coincide with that of the rest of the work.

Ilfracombe, Devon,

September, 1855.

SUNDAY.

MORNING
PRAYER.

Subject—The Services of the Day.

ALmighty and most merciful Father ;
We have erred and strayed from Thy ways
like lost sheep. We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Thy holy laws. We
have left undone those things which we ought
to have done ; And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done ; And there
is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have
mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare
Thou them, O God, which confess their faults :
Restore Thou them that are penitent : Accord-
ing to Thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most
merciful Father, for His sake ; That we may
hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Confession.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear
our prayers, and spare all those who con-
fess their sins unto Thee ; that they whose

*For Absolu-
tion.*

MORNING
PRAYER.*For Christ's
Church.**For the spirit
of Prayer.**For the pro-
fitable read-
ing of Holy
Scripture.**For the minis-
ters of God's
word.*

consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, our refuge and strength, Who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to

prepare Thy way before Thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O UR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MORNING
PRAYER.

*For unity in
the Church.*

**EVENING
PRAYER.**

SUNDAY.

Subject.—The Services of the Day.

Confession.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults : Restore Thou them that are penitent ; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake ; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

*For Absolu-
tion.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and

serve Thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's Name ; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made our prayers and supplications unto Thee ; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessities, and to the setting forth of Thy glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace ; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord : that as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God

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*For blessing
on the prayers
of the Church.*

*For blessing
on the minis-
try of God's
Word.*

*For Christian
love and unity.*

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protection.*

and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY.

Subject.—Baptism.

ALmighty and most merciful Father ; We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults ; Restore Thou them that are penitent ; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake ; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

O GOD, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our

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Confession.

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tion.*

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PRAYER.

*For steadfast
ness in our
Baptismal
vows.*

*For renewal
of the Holy
Spirit.*

*For a contin-
uance in holi-
ness.*

humble petitions, and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, Whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of His most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to His disciples that they should go, teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; Regard, we beseech Thee, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that we who have been baptized, may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us Thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to re-

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from the bonds of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed; Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*For Love to
God.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

*For fellow-
ship with the
Saints.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son, Christ, our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayer for
all men.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves

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PRAYER.

MONDAY.

Subject.—Confirmation.

Confession.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults ; Restore Thou them that are penitent ; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake ; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

*For Absolu-
tion.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy

grace may mercifully be relieved ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us Thy servants by Water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto us forgiveness of our sins ; Strengthen us we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace ; the spirit of wisdom and understanding ; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength ; the spirit of true godliness ; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto Thy Divine majesty ; let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over us ; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us ; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life ; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of

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For the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

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protection*

Thy commandments ; that, through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us ; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by Thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

TUESDAY.

MORNING
PRAYER.

Subject.—Christian Love.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father ; We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done ; And there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults ; Restore Thou them that are penitent ; According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake ; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Confession.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we de-

*For Absolu-
tion.*

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resurrection.**For peace on
earth & glory
in heaven.*

we desire, or deserve ; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life ; We humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him ; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection ; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OMERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the resurrection and

the life ; in Whom whosoever believeth shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally ; Who also hath taught us by His holy Apostle, St. Paul, not to be sorry as men without hope for them that sleep in Him ; We meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness ; that when we shall depart this life we may rest in Him, and that at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight ; and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying, ' Come ye blessed children of My Father, receive the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world ' : Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and preserve us Thy servants. Look upon us with the eyes of Thy mercy, give us comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend us from the danger of the enemy, and keep us in perpetual peace and safety ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, save Thy servants,
Who put our trust in Thee.

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protection.*

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PRAYER.

O Lord, send us help from Thy holy place,
And evermore defend us.

O Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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FOR

SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who in Thy wrath didst send a plague upon Thine own people in the wilderness, have pity upon us miserable sinners, who are now visited with great sickness and mortality ; that like as Thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying angel to cease from punishment, so it may now please Thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*In time of
Sickness.*

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death ; Look down from Heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy upon Thy servant now lying in this house upon the bed of sickness : Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation ; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies sake. Grant this, O Lord, through Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Who

*For a sick
member of the
family.*

*In time of
dearth and
famine.*

liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

O God, heavenly Father, Whose gift it is, that the rain doth fall and the earth is fruitful ; Behold, we beseech Thee, the afflictions of Thy people ; and grant that the scarcity and dearth which we do now most justly suffer for our iniquity, may through Thy goodness be mercifully turned into cheapness and plenty ; for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*In time of
war.*

O ALMIGHTY God, King of all Kings, and Governor of all things ; Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies ; and grant that we being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils to glorify Thee, Who art the only giver of all victory ; through the merits of Thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING

FOR ANY SPECIAL MERCY.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men, particularly to us who desire now to offer up our praises and thanksgivings for Thy late mercies vouchsafed to us [*.....]. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

*[*Here the special mercy may be mentioned.]*

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| B. St. Luke XVI., 19-end. | E. Psalm XC. |
| C. Psalm XLIX. | F. 1 Cor. XV., 35-51. |

EVENING PRAYER.

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| A. Isaiah XL., 1-12. | D. Psalm XXX. |
| B. Psalm XVIII., 1-19. | E. 1 Cor. XV., 51-end. |
| C. St. Matt. XXIV., 29-43. | F. Psalms XLVII. & CXLVI. |

NOTE. The preceeding selection may be read through once in every six weeks, by observing the letters of the alphabet prefixed to each portion, using, for instance, during the first week, those Psalms and Lessons which are marked A, during the second week those marked B, and so on.

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